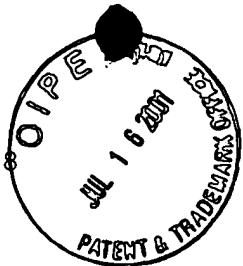


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PATENT APPLICATION #2

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Applicant hereby claims small entity status.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 for the \$355.00 filing fee, and the \$65.00 surcharge fee. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees due with respect to this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate of this paper is attached for that purpose.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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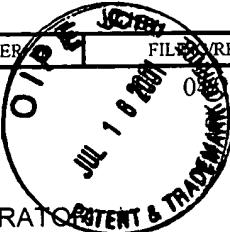
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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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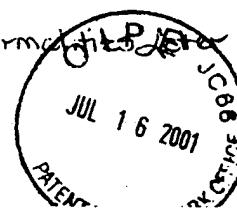
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